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As a Portland resident and someone who is concerned about the health and safety of my fellow community members as well as the health and safety of the environment we live in, I strongly encourage the EPA to adopt an even more comprehensive plan than Alternative G for cleaning up the Portland Harbor.

The current Preferred Alternative is NOT adequate enough to provide a level of cleanliness that would be safe for people and wildlife and there is no assurance the current Preferred Alternative would be sufficient enough to guarantee that another cleanup would not be needed 5-10 years in the future.

I would like to see a plan put in place that goes beyond what is proposed in Alternative G. This would entail dredging and removal of contaminated sediments, transporting contaminants to a secure offsite location (safe from the potential impacts of Cascadia), protecting the Columbia River from future pollution and ensuring that the harbor is safe for residents to consume fish from.

Monitored Natural Recovery has no guarantee that it will work. There is tremendous uncertainty around how long it will take and how clean the Portland Harbor will ever be. If the EPA is going to spend the resources to address this issue, and ask the potentially responsible parties to contribute to this effort, it should be done in the right way. A way that gets the job done, cleans up the river and ensures we don't have to go back again through the tremendous amount of time and effort it takes to research these issues, build consensus, go through the public process and secure funds.

Finally, I have heard that one concern is job loss due to the responsible parties having to divert funds to the clean up effort. How many jobs will be created when a comprehensive clean up is instated? How much extra money will it cost to have to do this twice when the sub-par effort proposed by the EPA fails? What is the monetized value of exposing the portland population to these pollutants?

Please do the right thing and implement a cleanup plan that goes beyond Alternative G and demonstrates to the public that their government is working for them by keeping them safe and healthy.